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Applicant Y. ISHII, et al.

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BATTERY AND LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 14, 2006

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.